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Prior to examination of the above-identified U.S. national phase application of International Application No. PCT/IB2004/002774, filed August 27, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.